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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF NCCC-K FINANCES AND DETENTION OF
REV. KIM KWAN-SOK

1. AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3 SEOUL POLICE RAIDED OFFICES OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION
ORGANIZATIONS, CONFISCATING FINANCIAL AND OTHER RECORDS AND
DETAINING NCCC-K SEC. GENL. KIM KWAN-SOK, REV. CHO SUNG-HYOK,
REV. KWAN HO-KYUNG, AND NCCC-K ACCOUNTANT YI CHANG-SOP.
AS OF AFTERNOON APRIL 4 THEY REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO
KCIA AND REMAINED IN CUSTODY.

2. NCCC-K MET THIS MORNING IN EMERGENCY SESSION TO DISCUSS
SITUATION AND TOGETHER WITH CATHOLIC GROUPS REQUESTED URGENT MEETING
WITH PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL AND IS NOW AWAITING REPLY.

3. REV. KIM WHO MET CODEL FRASER ON TWO OCCASIONS, HAD
TOLD EMBOFF OF STEPPED UP INVESTIGATION OF CASES INVOLVING
USE OF GERMAN AND JAPANESE CHURCH FUNDS.
CHARGES ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING W27 MILLION GO BACK TO 1972 AND
APPEAR NOT TO BE MATTER OF REV. KIM'S HONESTY, BUT QUESTION OF
USE OF FOREIGN FUNDS
FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH THEY ALLEGEDLY HAD
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BEEN INTENDED. THERE IS STRONG PRESUMPTION THAT PART OF

FUNDS WERE USED FOR AIDING PRISONERS' FAMILIES AND OTHER
NCCC-K ACTIVITIES WHICH ROKG MAY INTERPRET AS POLITICAL.

4. THIS ISSUE, BASED ON LOOSE BOOKKEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF
SOME FOREIGN DONORS, HAD SERVED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AS
PRETEXT FOR POLICE AND KCIA TO RAID NCCC-K AND METROPOLITAN
MISSION ASSOCIATION OFFICES IN SEARCH FOR DOCUMENTS.
DETENTIONS OF REV. KIM AND REV. CHO IMMEDIATELY AFTER
FRASER DEPARTURE AND FACT THAT REV. KIM HAD BEEN QUESTIONED
BY KCIA ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH FRASER RAISE SUSPICION THAT
RAID AND DETENTIONS AT THIS TIME MORE RELATED TO FRASER VISIT
AND AID TO POLITICAL PRISONERS THAN TO NCCC-K FINANCIAL RECORD
KEEPING.
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